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## Students heed call to service



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Peace Corps director Aaron Williams, center, speaks with former colleague Samuel Scott, right, and volunteer Ben Freelom, who served in Guatemala from 2007 to 2009, following a moderated interview at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center.

## Peace Corps set to increase stipend for returning volunteers

By Joshua Michaels  
Daily Texan Staff

Peace Corps director Aaron Williams announced at a moderated interview Monday that the volunteer organization will increase the \$6,000 stipend for returning Peace Corps volunteers.

The Peace Corps is a national, governmental service program that places volunteers in developing countries. Volunteers are typically employed in jobs relating to international

development, such as agricultural training, business development or English instruction. Returning Peace Corps volunteers receive a \$6,000 stipend from the government to help cover the costs of transitioning back to the United States.

During the audience question-and-answer session following the interview, a former Peace Corps volunteer voiced concern that the stipend has not increased in 20 years or adjusted for inflation

during that time. Williams said that an increase in the Peace Corps budget under President Barack Obama would allow the program to raise the allowance.

The service program has received bipartisan support in Congress. When Obama allocated \$373 million to the program in the 2010 fiscal year budget, the House and the Senate increased that amount to \$400 million.

The Peace Corps is currently

stationed in 76 countries with 7,300 men and women, 68 of whom are from UT. While Obama made a campaign promise to double the number of current volunteers by the organization's 50th anniversary in 2011, the 2011 fiscal year budget places the Peace Corps on track to reach only 11,000 volunteers by 2016, according to the PolitiFact Web site.

The Obama administra-

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## Organization's director visits UT



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Bonnie Drenik, a Peace Corps volunteer in Bulgaria from 2003 to 2005, listens to Corps director Aaron Williams at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center on Monday.

### Economic downturn is a cause for increased interest in peace group

By Shabab Siddiqui  
Daily Texan Staff

Peace Corps director Aaron Williams has watched applicants to the program that "changed his life forever" skyrocket by 18 percent since last year; all it took was presidential prodding and a worldwide economic belt-tightening.

"I think the overriding popularity has to do with [President Barack Obama's] call to service," Williams said. "I think people want to become

better global citizens. I think that it also gives you a chance to consider what you might want to do with the rest of your life."

Williams sat down with The Daily Texan before his campus visit Monday to discuss the organization's mission, successes and challenges.

The Peace Corps was started by former President John F. Kennedy and Robert Sargent Shriver in 1961 with the goals of promoting world peace and friendship by training men and women in developing countries, while helping

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## UT to vote on Green Fund referendum

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

In the campus-wide general election today and Wednesday, students can vote on a referendum for the creation of a UT Green Fund that would allow students to create projects and conduct research focused on environmental sustainability using tuition dollars.

The Green

Fund is the only referendum on the ballot in this year's election. If it passes, each student will pay an additional \$5 in tuition fees for each long semester and \$2.50 for each summer session for five years. Jacob Bintliff, the referendum's campaign director, said the increase will most likely take effect in spring 2011, once the fund receives final approval from the UT System Board of Regents.

"This is an opportunity for students to become empowered and take control over a portion of the budget for a program that is important to students—environmental sustainability," Bintliff said.

The fund would accumulate

about \$400,000 each calendar year and be managed by a committee composed primarily of students, along with faculty and staff with expertise in energy and environmental fields. Any student, faculty or staff member could suggest sustainability-related projects. The fund would also create student jobs and internships in environmentally relevant fields, Bintliff said.

Environmentally relevant fields, Bintliff said.

In 2009, the state House of Representatives passed a bill allowing universities to put "environmental service fee" initiatives to a student vote. Texas State University passed their own green fund based on student demand in 2004, and Rice University passed a green fund on Wednesday. UT and seven other state universities

will vote on green funds this semester, including three other schools in the UT System.

The effort was organized by the ReEnergize Texas coalition, a statewide environmental effort that has focused its efforts on

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Patrick Meaney, government senior and co-director of the Green Fund Referendum campaign, asks students passing the Gregory Gym Plaza to vote for a bill that would create a UT Green Fund. This bill gives students a chance to decide whether extra money should be spent to fund environmental research projects on campus.

Stephanie Meza  
Daily Texan Staff

## Student Government Elections March 2 and 3, 8 a.m.- 5p.m.

Students can visit [utsg.org](http://utsg.org) to cast their votes for:

- SG president and vice president
- Representatives in the SG assembly, both for individual colleges and University-wide representatives
- Student Events Center president
- Editor-in-chief of The Daily Texan
- Texas Student Media Board Members
- Two student members of the Union Board of Directors
- Two student members of the University Co-op Board of Directors
- Graduate Student Assembly president and two vice presidents
- The Green Fund referendum

Not all students can vote for all positions depending on academic classification. For a complete list of candidates, see page 3. For Daily Texan editorial board endorsements, see page 4.

## Texas Primary Elections March 2

Visit the Web site of the Travis County Clerk to find out your polling locations in today's primary election. Students who live on campus can vote at the Flawn Academic Center. Items on the ballot include Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidates.

## Barton Springs night swimmers may face fees

By Audria Choudhury  
Daily Texan Staff

Austinites who enjoy swimming in Barton Springs Pool at night may soon be charged a fee that is being proposed at tonight's city Aquatic Division meeting.

The Aquatic Division of the city's Parks and Recreation Department will hold the meeting to address the safety concerns caused by large numbers of night swimmers.

Victor Ovalle, program manager for the Parks and Recreation Department, said that, if passed, the fee would cover the cost of lifeguards to increase safety during night swims.

"In the evening hours, there are up to 1,000 people," Ovalle said. "You don't want that many people without a lifeguard, and the department is trying to outfit the costs."

If the department passes the proposal, Austin City Council



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

A worker dredges Barton Springs during the annual spring cleaning Monday morning. Water levels are dropped so workers can clean the pool for the upcoming summer session.

will vote on it. The pool may reopen after a routine cleaning on March 13 with a fee for swimmers between 9 and 10 p.m., which are currently free of charge. Officials have not yet set an amount

for the fee, but swimmers during the day are currently charged between \$1 and \$3, depending on their age.

The pool will be closed until March 12 for the annual spring

clean. During the spring clean, the dams that keep the pool full are opened, dropping water levels enough to allow Austin city officials and volunteers to scrub the pool's natural surface clean in time for the summer season. Jonathan Beall, head of The Friends of Barton Springs Pool's service committee, said this time will also be used for other groundskeeping tasks including cleaning, planting flower beds and painting and repairing the bathhouse's roof.

The department will also gather public suggestions at the meeting, said Tom Nelson, manager of the aquatic division.

"People want to continue with free [swimming during night hours], and we'll look at it as part of an option," Nelson said. "We'll be taking more input [tonight] and then formulate a plan to present to the Parks board [later this month]."

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CORPS: Group draws support across parties

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tion's goal mirrors similar attempts by the former George W. Bush administration, which also pledged to double the number of Peace Corps volunteers immediately after 9/11. The program peaked in 1966 at 16,000 volunteers.

"We need to get to know them better, and they need to get to know us."

— Aaron Williams  
Peace Corps director

Williams said he wanted to expand the Peace Corps presence in Muslim countries.

"We need to get to know them better, and they need to get to know us," Williams said.

The Peace Corps currently operates in Jordan and Morocco and is restoring its program in Indonesia, which holds the world's largest Muslim population, this year.

GRABBING A BITE



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Jacob Santolaya, a pre-med biology junior, waits for a friend at Terra Burger on Guadalupe Street on Monday night.

PEACE: Most recruits recent graduates

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foster cross-cultural understanding through interaction.

Volunteers commit to 27 months of service and work in

fields such as education, health care, agriculture or technological development. Before the Peace Corps can begin working in a country, the organization must receive permission from the country's government.

Volunteers are provided with money for training, travel and living costs through their tenure and receive tuition deferment, partial tuition cancellation and a one-time adjustment check. Almost 85 percent of Peace Corps volunteers are fresh-out-of-college graduates.

"College students have graduated and have been trained for four years now and are prepared to take on a new role in life and in our society and the world," Williams said.

As of this year, UT ranks first and ninth in the number of graduate and undergraduate alumni, respectively, who work in the Corps for a total of 84 former Longhorns who are currently serving. Williams said the University's involvement in the program brought him to Austin.

"I'm hoping to encourage and assist my colleagues who work in recruitment here to get more students at UT to join the Peace Corps," Williams said.

Before becoming director, Williams served as the vice president of business development with RTI International and as senior manager for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Williams replaced Ronald A. Tschetter as director, who was appointed by then-President George W. Bush in 2006.

Williams served as a Peace

Corps member in the Dominican Republic in the late 1960s. He said the experiences of all Peace Corps volunteers help foster cultural sensitivity and develop strong language and leadership skills, ultimately opening up career possibilities in the long run.

"We work in a very respectful way," Williams said. "You learn patience and the ability to listen. It allows you to cross that bridge and lets you become a better global citizen."

Williams said one of the Peace Corps' emerging challenges will be increasing food security across the world through comprehensive agriculture plans. Volunteers will assist local populations in developing new farming techniques, using different seeds and increasing access to the marketplace.

As the second African-American director of the 49-year-old program and a former recruit, Williams said he hopes to increase minority representation, which stands at 15 percent, by engaging historically black colleges and Hispanic institutions, among others, to attract a broader American clientele.

Recruiting more minorities into the Peace Corps will improve the representation of the diverse face of America, Williams said.

"In some villages, we may be the only Americans that the population will see," he said. "It's important that Peace Corps represents the true American face across the world."

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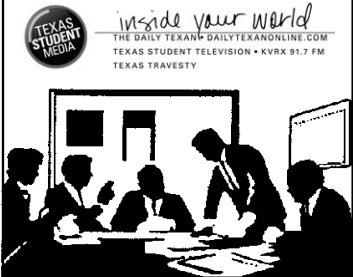
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GREEN: Some  
say increase  
in fees would  
vex students

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implementing green funds.

Student Government passed the referendum on Nov. 17. University-wide Rep. Justin Stein, a vice-presidential candidate in the SG election, authored the bill and said SG was overwhelmingly supportive of the referendum because it gives students an opportunity to decide for themselves whether they want to spend the extra money for the fund.

"This is a neat opportunity we have been afforded when we each make a small contribution that adds up to a whole lot," Stein said. "There are so many initiatives that students want to see happen on campus, like ride-sharing and better recycling, but when the budget is tight, those things aren't a priority. This is about making sure there is funding for things students want."

To offset the possible financial impact of the fund on students who have extreme financial-aid needs, 20 percent of the fund will go back into the overall financial aid pool, Bintliff said.

"If there is a student who absolutely can't afford \$5, I really hope they are eligible for financial aid," he said.

There is no organized opposition group to the fund. However, not all students support the bill. Engineering Rep. Adam Rosen was one of the most vocal SG members against passing the referendum.

"It places an undue burden on students who are already having a hard time," Rosen said. "I would support it if it were an optional fee, and I wrote an amendment for that which did not pass. I don't think that if 51 percent of students want to [create the fund], they should be able to force the other 49 percent of students to pay for it, too."

University Democrats endorsed the referendum, partly as a show of support for environmental efforts but also because it is economically viable in the long-term, said Brittany McAllister, University Democrats and Sierra Club member.

"This is the most worthy investment students can make," McAllister said. "This will put UT on the forefront of sustainability, and it makes sense financially because these sustainability efforts pay for themselves because they cost less to maintain."

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Roberto Candia | Associated Press

Maria Isabel Pena searches for her belongings after a magnitude-8.8 earthquake struck Chile on Saturday morning.

# Chile reacts to quake damages

**Police search buildings for survivors, enforce city curfews to fight looting**

**By Eva Vergara & Michael Warren**  
The Associated Press  
CONCEPCION, Chile — Rescuers found signs of life in the wreckage of a 15-story building Monday as the world offered aid to victims of an earthquake that killed more than 700 people. Troops and police arrested dozens of people for violating a curfew designed to prevent looting. The toll of dead rose to 723, with

19 others missing, the National Emergency Office announced, in a magnitude-8.8 quake that President Michelle Bachelet called “an emergency without parallel in Chile’s history.” Some coastal towns were almost obliterated — first shaken by the quake, then slammed by a tsunami that carried whole houses inland and crushed others into piles of sticks. In Concepcion, the biggest city near the epicenter, rescuers heard the knock of trapped victims inside a toppled 70-unit apartment building and began to drill through thick

walls to reach them, said fire department Commander Juan Carlos Subercaseux. Only the chop of military helicopters flying overhead broke the silence demanded by rescuers straining to hear signs of life inside the building. Firefighters had already pulled 25 survivors from the structure. Mayor Jacqueline van Rysselberghe told Radio Cooperativa that some food aid was arriving in the city of 200,000 Monday for distribution to the hungry. Electricity was still out, however, and water was scarce. Concepcion police chief Eliec-

er Soler said officers arrested 55 people for violating a curfew imposed after looters sacked nearly every market in town. Troops ordered into the city by Bachelet patrolled to enforce security. A few looters re-emerged to rob a market on Monday. The U.N. said Monday that it would rush aid to Chile after Bachelet appealed for international aid. U.N. humanitarian spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said. She said access to health services will be a challenge and noted that indigenous people living in adobe homes were most at risk from damaged infrastructure.

# Obama to choose Federal Reserve board chairman

**By Jeannine Aversa**  
The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Donald Kohn’s decision to step down at the end of June gives President Barack Obama a chance to put a bigger imprint on the central bank. Kohn, the Fed’s second-highest ranking official, has played a major role in shaping the Fed’s strategy in fighting the worst financial and economic crises to hit the country since the Great Depression. His departure will open up a third seat on the seven-member Federal Reserve board in Washington. Board members are picked by the president and must be confirmed by the Senate. There are two vacancies on the board. The president will have a delicate task before him. In selecting new Fed members, Obama “needs to stand up to this populism” and not be afraid to pick people with the right economic and financial credentials even if

they had worked on Wall Street or in the banking industry, said Anil Kashyap, professor of economics and finance at the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business. Given a double-digit unemployment rate, there could be pressure on Obama to fill the open seats with people who are considered more “dovish,” meaning they are more concerned about unemployment than they are about inflation, some analysts said. The administration is expected to name a replacement before he leaves. A veteran of the Fed, Kohn first joined as an economist in Kansas City in the early 1970s. He has been a member of the Fed board since 2002, and a confidante of Bernanke as well as his predecessor, Alan Greenspan. “He will be greatly missed,” Bernanke said. In a letter to Obama, Kohn announced his intention to step down when his term as vice chairman ends on June 23.



**Vice Chairman Donald Kohn testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on March 5, 2009. He will be leaving the Federal Reserve in June.**

Susan Walsh  
Associated Press

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**Referendum #1**  
I support the creation of a campus Green Fund to enhance environmental sustainability at The University of Texas at Austin. Items financed by the Green Fund may include infrastructure and efficiency improvement projects: ongoing internships, scholarships and research grants for students; or any other environmental initiative proposed by university students, faculty or staff. The Green Fund would be supported by an increase to students of \$5.00 per regular semester and \$2.50 per summer session for five years. A campus committee with majority student representation would oversee the Green Fund.  
Yes No None of the above

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*“The student Union is a business.”*  
— Andrew Nash, candidate for Union Board representative, responding to how receptive the Union Board should be to community interests

*“Betrayal.”*  
— Austin Talbert, candidate for SG president, describing the current SG administration in a single word

*“To be honest, I didn’t do much.”*  
— Milam Miller, candidate for University-wide representative, responding to what accomplishment he was most proud of while an SG member

*“Serotonin shots.”*  
— Aaron Walther, candidate for SG president, when asked how he would keep UT students happy without allowing dorm visitation hours

*“It was a clusterfuck.”*  
— Carly Castetter, candidate for University-wide representative, describing this year’s SG assembly

*“This mutual respect and trust I have ... built with the administration will enhance my ability to represent [student] voice.”*  
— Minator Azemi, candidate for SG president, explaining what makes him better than his opponents

*“The Union Board does so much more than kill dreams.”*  
— Cameron Allison, candidate for Union Board representative, explaining how he would change the Union Board

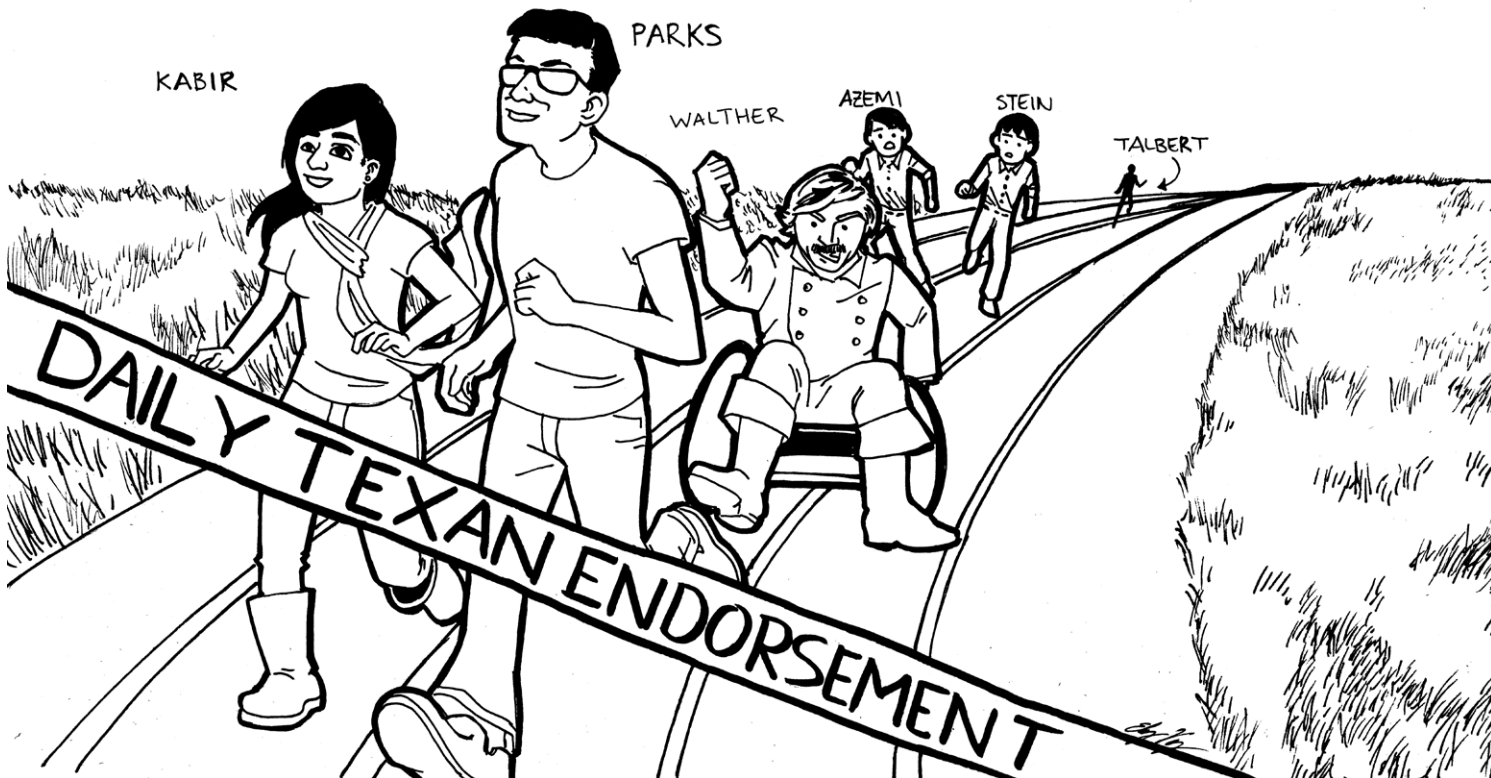
*“I look forward to ruling you all.”*  
— Aaron Walther, candidate for SG president, when asked for closing remarks

*“I am proud that my supporter base is a far cry from homogeneous.”*  
— Muneezeh Kabir, candidate for SG vice president, explaining why she is better than her opponents

*“It’s rhetoric.”*  
— Scott Parks, candidate for SG president, when asked to explain a promise for “lower tuition” in a campaign video

*“There are two brains that do disagree and have disagreed. ... So, there are two brains there.”*  
— Justin Stein, candidate for SG vice president, when asked about an issue he and running mate Azemi disagree on

*“I might not get a letter of recommendation to law school, but I’m not going to law school, so, I’m not in it for that.”*  
— Austin Talbert, candidate for SG president, when explaining the need for a “change of SG culture”



Taking a gamble and hoping for change

One year ago, the Daily Texan editorial board — encouraged by the removal of a ticket system that had for years virtually closed the Student Government election process to many candidates — endorsed in the SG presidential race for the first time in three years. Impressed by his qualifications and plans to strengthen student involvement on campus, the board endorsed candidate Liam O’Rourke, expecting him to bring purpose and relevance to an organization long decried for doing nothing but pad resumes. Not even a week later, the Texan acquired information that implicated a number of SG student leaders affiliated with an anonymous on-campus organization, the Eyes of Texas, in violating election codes to swing the race in O’Rourke’s favor. Controversy engulfed SG affairs the rest of the semester, casting doubt on the promise of a new student administration that had campaigned on ridding SG of its uselessness. The O’Rourke administration could have come away from the controversy stronger, using a moment of collective exasperation with SG to reshape student opinion on an organization that could have value on campus. But the O’Rourke administra-

tion couldn’t shake SG’s reputation as a lazy, shrouded organization, failing to pass meaningful student legislation and closing key tuition-policy meetings to students at the direction of the administration. O’Rourke capped off his term by making local headlines as a pawn of administrators who decided hastily to close the Cactus Cafe. Maybe we should know better by now. We’ve arrived back where the editorial board likely found itself four years ago, reluctant to publicize an organization whose leaders — with significant resources and structure and the ability to harness the support of thousands of students — consistently fail to deliver on their promises to transparently act to tangibly improve student life. We’ve even come to doubt whether it’s possible for SG to function as true representation for students to the administration while operating under — and likely at the behest of — the Office of Student Affairs, an administrative branch. Maybe we’re just too hard on an organization hampered by a broken system that makes representing students impossible and instead forces SG to represent the administration to students. Yet in presidential candidate Scott Parks and his running mate,

Muneezeh Kabir, we — perhaps foolishly — see two students who could represent students. Parks, a business and urban studies senior, and Kabir, an English and women’s and gender studies major, have — like most of the presidential campaigns — committed to pushing for tuition affordability and transparency in SG. In their alliance, Parks, an SG insider and the “business” side of the duo, nicely balances Kabir, who brings a passion for social justice with her history as the director of the Women’s Resource Agency, which, as an agency of SG, acts closely with the Gender and Sexuality Center. Taking cues from the Barack Obama election machine in its reliance on slick graphics, YouTube videos featuring a chorus of diverse voices and “yes we can”-like slogans, the two have run a focused campaign. Parks and Kabir say they’ll change the culture of SG — the inefficiency, secrecy and disengagement from campus — by changing the people involved, folding students with no previous SG experience into the process. We’re not sure whether to deem this strategy admirable or gimmicky. But in Kabir, especially, we see a proven advocate for social justice whose involvement with SG, as she says, has been largely

tangential. With the position of vice president suited to candidates with legislative experience, we’re curious as to why Kabir — who singlehandedly gives the campaign a dynamic air — is not running for president. Much of our endorsement for Parks and Kabir, though, rests on the weakness of their main opponents. Minator Azemi and Justin Stein, two current University-wide representatives who last year were revealed as members of the Eyes of Texas, have displayed no creativity in signaling that their administration could take SG toward truly representing students and away from administrative entanglements. “I believe that this mutual respect and trust I have already built with the administration will enhance my ability to represent [the student] voice,” Azemi wrote in a Daily Texan questionnaire. The two entrenched establishment candidates, whose leadership skills and mastery of SG protocol we don’t doubt, have viewed this election as a coronation. And while we’re unsure exactly what to expect from a Parks/Kabir administration, we’re certain that an Azemi/Stein administration would only function to serve Azemi, Stein and the administration.



For full audio of the editorial board’s endorsement interviews with all of the executive alliances, visit [dailytexanonline.com](http://dailytexanonline.com).

The Green Fund

The Green Fund referendum is the first opportunity for students to directly affect UT’s environmental sustainability efforts. The fund serves as a direct connection between students and campus environment issues and will largely support itself by creating self-supporting initiatives. While few students enjoy rising costs, the additional \$5 per semester is a minuscule sacrifice when considering the merits of a student-led sustainability effort. We enthusiastically endorse the Green Fund referendum.

University-wide representatives

Austin Carlson

Carlson has a proven record of leadership as a former member of the Texas A&M Student Assembly and has been actively involved in the Graduate Student Assembly as a first-year law student this year. Carlson plans to focus on creating a more transparent budgetary process, which we might consider overly ambitious if he hadn’t helped to successfully implement a similar process at Texas A&M. Carlson demonstrates enthusiasm for student involvement — suggesting a wider use of student referendums to gauge student opinion on issues before decisions are made. Finally, we are willing to overlook Carlson’s Aggie status because we know he isn’t using this position to pad his resume. You can’t get into law school more than once. And we are just guessing, but we bet his future employer won’t be impressed by Student Government involvement. Carlson is doing this because he cares.

Natalie Butler

You can’t get much more establishment than Natalie Butler. But, unlike many SG representatives, she has a track record of working for students — facilitating logistical feats such as moving UT Safety Week to the beginning of the school year and instituting the Sure Walk program. She plans to continue working to improve safety by improving lighting on campus and increasing awareness of Sure Walk. Most importantly, Butler understands that SG’s job doesn’t end with the passage of legislation. She understands using legislation as a jumping off point for effecting real change. While we don’t find her particularly

inspiring, Butler is certainly competent and has been effective in her previous roles.

Wintress James

The SG assembly needs lots of different kinds of leaders with different priorities. So, while we usually aren’t impressed by candidates with a focus on small campus issues, like encouraging freshman involvement in SG, we are excited about James. James has dedicated a lot of time to improving UT without ever having served in SG. She has worked for freshman admissions and was actively involved in bringing the Barbara Jordan statue to campus. James believes that, by reaching out to incoming students to make them aware of SG and its resources, SG can ultimately more effectively meet student needs and represent a broader cross-section of UT students — and she has a plan to facilitate better outreach. James has the enthusiasm and commitment to improve SG.

Matt Portillo

Portillo says he is running for SG to “fix the system starting with [him]self.” Despite holding a small and relatively inconsequential position as external appointee to Spirit & Traditions Council, Portillo has energetically gone above and beyond in Student Government, particularly regarding the Cactus Cafe controversy. Portillo appreciates SG’s need to represent students, even when it is unpopular with administrators, an uncommon trait in SG. It is also exciting that Portillo wants to revive the push for a voting student regent on the UT System Board of Regents.

Jeremy Yager

Although he has never served in SG, Yager is undoubtedly among the most informed University-wide candidates. He has extensive experience in working with legislators on behalf of students as an active member of the University Democrats. Yager is enthusiastic about entering the assembly and prepared to learn the parliamentary procedure he lacks. We are convinced that Yager will be an effective advocate for students.

Carly Castetter

Castetter is an SG veteran — the only current University-wide representative we are endorsing. Castetter has followed through on several important initiatives meant to reform SG from the inside. Last year, when poor decisions by SG leaders marred a largely successful election, Castetter took it upon herself to fix the election code to protect SG’s integrity in the future. She was an important part of passing election reform this fall. Castetter was also a co-author of this year’s most controversial proposal, the speaker legislation, which would have created of a speaker of the assembly. She sees the speaker legislation as the natural extension of these reforms. Whether or not you agree with her, the legislation was innovative and well-researched. Castetter has done something with her time in SG. She has advocated for and co-authored legislation. She has even attempted to communicate with students by writing a piece for the Texan. We appreciate her resolve and her openness.

Ashley Baker

Baker is young and inexperienced. As such, she is understandably less informed than some of the other candidates. However, her ambition and notable intelligence make her well-suited for the position. We believe that she will use her time in the assembly wisely to learn about UT’s pressing problems and how to address them.

Liberal Arts representatives

Shana Mirhosseini

Mirhosseini has never been involved in SG, but she has shown initiative in educating herself on how it functions as well as its most important legislation. Mirhosseini has a solid idea of what she would like to accomplish as a Liberal Arts representative. We endorse her campaign as we feel she has the ability to be an active voice in SG.

John Lawler

Few members of SG have been as visible as John Lawler over the past year. Lawler’s passion for student government, as well as his visibility on campus, are attributes that his fellow representative should strive to emulate. Based on his body of work, we give Lawler a resounding endorsement for

re-election.

Philip Wiseman

Wiseman was involved in SG over the past year as a legislative aide, where he assisted in researching various bills. He authored legislation to support closing a loophole that would allow gun shows on campus and in favor of expanding UT’s mental health services to both students and staff. Based on his record, we feel Wiseman is worthy of serving in the assembly next year as a Liberal Arts representative.

Natural Science representatives

Joseph Lee

Lee served as a Natural Sciences Representative for SG last year and seems to have a solid vision for what he plans to achieve next year in the same position. He notes that he would like to serve the needs of his constituents and avoid larger projects, which tend to lack focus. He’s very in-tune with what the position requires and seems more than qualified to carry out the responsibilities associated with it.

Matt Daley

Daley also served as a Natural Sciences representative last year. In this capacity, he was very active in issues affecting his college, including helping organize a successful letter-writing campaign that urged professors to submit book requests in a timely manner. His emphasis on improving advising and registration within his college are practical ambitions for the office he seeks.

Jesus “Jesse” Hernandez

Hernandez has experience serving as a Longhorn Legislative Aide and was recently appointed to fill a vacated seat in the Natural Sciences Representative Caucus. In the past year, he’s displayed a great willingness to become involved in SG by conducting research to assist with drafting legislation about various topics.

Communication representative

Sydney Fazende

Fazende served as a communication representative last year and is active in several

organizations outside of SG, as well. In the past year she’s worked closely with the Communication Council to help address the needs of the college as well as begin plans to formulate a college-wide newsletter. Fazende is well versed in the workings of SG and is worthy of re-election as a communication representative.

Engineering representatives

Jose De Anda

De Anda has never been involved in Student Government but has a very clear idea of what he plans to accomplish as a representative. He places particular importance in recruitment and retention of under-represented minorities and improving the food options available to students in the engineering college. De Anda provides very specific ideas to improve the student experience for engineering majors.

Texas Union Board

Cameron Allison and Britnie Franklin

Both Allison and Franklin demonstrate some understanding of the Texas Union’s mission. Both have held leadership positions in the student events center, Franklin as chair of the African American Culture Committee and Allison as chair of the Tournaments and Games Committee, and both appear to appreciate the Union Board’s role of balancing the interests of students, the administration and the community.

Student Events Center president

Taylor Steinberg

As current chair of the Music and Entertainment Committee in the Student Events Center, Steinberg has had to cope with budget cuts already. His main goal is to include more students in the process of deciding how to spend the student fees that the center allocates. He aims to make all events relevant to students and to ensure that the center spends responsibly.

*Editor’s note: Races for which we did not endorse were either uncontested or candidates for the position did not seek The Daily Texan’s endorsement. Vote today at [utsg.org](http://utsg.org).*



Researchers find alternative treatment for PTSD

UT professors test rats in collaborative study with UCLA psychologist

By Katherine Noble  
Daily Texan Staff

UT professors have discovered possible alternative treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder, which currently affects at least one out of every eight veterans, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ivan Ponomarev and R. Adron Harris, both researchers with UT's Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research, worked together with researchers in California to explore new methods of treating post-traumatic stress disorder, which is currently treated with therapy and depression med-

ication, according to TexVet: Partners Across Texas. The researchers used rats to test drugs known as HDAC inhibitors, which are currently used to treat Alzheimer's and Huntington's diseases. The findings, which were published in February on the science journal Nature's Web site, suggest the drugs may be useful in treating the disorder.

According to the TexVet Web site, post-traumatic stress disorder is an anxiety disorder that can occur after a person has experienced an intensely stressful event, ranging from physical abuse to natural disasters. Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder include guilt, detachment, irritability, difficulty concentrating and reliving the stressful event repeatedly.

"We have measured some interesting genes that might give us new hints in terms of therapy for treating post-traumatic stress syndrome," said Ponomarev, a pharmacy research assistant professor. "So far, these drug treatments have not been considered useful for this disorder."

Michael Fanselow, a psychology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, replicated human fear response in rats. Ponomarev said he and Harris worked with the rats to measure which genes are activated in the brain sections responsible for "fight or flight," a biological response to stressful situations.

"In our case, we look for the different genes that express them-

selves in rats that have been exposed to stress stimuli and in rats that have not [been exposed]," Ponomarev said. "We found several unexplored genes that are responsive to stress in rats, and these genes could also be responsive to severe stress in humans."

When a person undergoes a traumatic event, the parts of the brain set to regulate stress can be overrun to the point where they cannot normalize new fear and stress stimuli. The victim's amygdala, the part of the brain responsible for learning and memory, is incapable of processing fear-related stimuli. Instead, the amygdala can respond incorrectly to stress, causing the person to be overly anxious in mild-stress situations.

Cases of post-traumatic stress

disorder are rising among returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. At UT, veterans enrolled at the University can find support through counseling at the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center and through student groups.

Bill Bowman, vice president of the UT's Student Veterans Association, works to assimilate student veterans into campus life in Austin.

"There are over a hundred student veterans currently at UT," Bowman said. "We want to show them around the city and make them feel at home. That is the hardest part for them about coming back — feeling like they are at home."

SPRINGS: Drastic decline in visits not expected

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Wayne Simmons, the department's aquatic program coordinator, said he does not anticipate the number of visitors to reduce drastically because of the fee but that the number might instead spread evenly throughout the day.

Architectural engineering junior Ariel Creagh said she goes to the springs three or four times a week during the summer and would not be concerned with a fee if the proposal is passed.

"I'm pretty apathetic about it," Creagh said. "I don't see a problem with it."

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Remey Ko, Michael R. Levy and Moses Saldana, commissioners at the Austin Regional Intelligence Center discuss public safety and "fusion center" issues. The centralization of information from agencies across Central Texas and the possible future installation of cameras in Downtown Austin created a lot of divergences at the City Hall meeting on Monday evening.



Fanny Trang  
Daily Texan Staff

## Center aims to add surveillance

By Bobby Longoria  
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Regional Intelligence Center is one step closer to being formed. The Public Safety Commission voted unanimously Monday to continue its development on the condition that the Austin Police Department maintain an open discussion with the commission and the public.

The center will be a centralized data collection agency that will compile information gathered from law enforcement agencies across Central Texas. Participants will include the Austin, Round Rock and UT police departments, as well as the Travis, Hays and Williamson County sheriff offices and smaller agencies.

The commission heard updates from APD officials regarding the center as well as a proposed camera system that will provide surveillance for public safety. Advocacy groups are concerned that without transparency regarding the two issues, citizens' civil liberties may

be compromised in the future.

The center has been under scrutiny for months by political advocacy groups that are worried it may follow in the footsteps of other centers in the nation and violate citizens' constitutional rights to privacy.

"We want to see legitimate safeguards in place through local and state policy so that when Chief of Staff David Carter and APD Chief Art Acevedo are gone down the road, and we have a new police chief ... he is then not able to use the fusion center for negative purposes that negate constitutional acts," said John Bush, executive director of Texans for Accountable Government.

Bush said he would like the process of the center's development to be slowed down to allow for more public discussion and advertisement to citizens who may be unaware of its existence.

The center will have oversight from an executive board chaired by Carter. It will require strong

executive leadership, a strong privacy policy and in-depth training for the center to rise above the faults of other centers in the nation, Carter said.

"We want this center to operate with transparency. The problem we know, in looking at fusion centers across the country, is that they didn't really grasp the concept of transparency," Carter said. "We will have some feedback mechanisms showing that we are protecting civil liberties while actually fighting crime."

Before the center can be fully operational, its privacy policy must be approved by the city council, which formed the commission to be an open forum for airing issues about public safety in Austin. Although the commission has been given the power to review issues concerning public safety, it is only able to make recommendations to the city council that could either be adopted or not.

Advocacy groups at Monday's meeting requested that the priva-

cy policy be open for amendments before being reviewed by the commission.

"There needs to be proper controls with regard to the individuals that work at the center and careful handling of information to respect the right of assembly and free speech," said commission chairman Michael Lauderdale.

The next step for the fusion center is to have a contractual agreement accepted by the several participating agencies. Carter expects to present the agreement to the City Council in April.

APD CMDR. Troy Gay described the progress of APD's camera system, which will support up to 30 cameras across the city, at Monday's meeting. Initially, APD intends to set up three cameras at two sites: Rundberg Lane and Interstate Highway 35, as well as in the downtown area.

Gay said the camera proposal will go before the City Council in late June with an implementation date set for July or August.

## Facebook could provide 200 jobs with expansion

By Chris Thomas  
Daily Texan Staff

Austin could gain 200 jobs by offering Facebook a \$200,000 incentive to develop its first major U.S. operations expansion outside of its headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif.

The City Council will meet Wednesday to view a presentation on the proposal, but voting will not take place until a public hearing set for March 11.

If the incentive passes, Facebook will start leasing office space in May, beginning with 20,000 square feet spread over several Austin areas including downtown, South Congress Avenue, East Austin and along Research Boulevard. The development project should be completed by Oct. 1.

The incentive is part of a proposed \$1.4 million investment by the Texas Enterprise Fund, a seven-year-old business incentive program supported by taxpayer subsidies.

The initiative is an economic agreement with Facebook and is subject to certain standards, such as the number of jobs created, sales, upgrades and other economic indicators that would determine if the partnership is a positive asset to Austin, Mayor Lee Leffingwell said.

"Facebook is a good fit for Austin. It's an emerging industry — one with a future that we would like to be a part of," Leffingwell said. "Austin has an abundance of people well suited to work in a company like Facebook. This deal will be good for the city and

good for the economy."

Facebook spokeswoman Kathleen Loughlin said the deal is completely contingent upon City Council's approval.

"Facebook is investigating locations around the U.S. to establish an additional online sales and operations office," Loughlin said. "Austin is among the cities under consideration because of the area's many attractive attributes, including a deep talent pool and strong leadership."

Facebook began talks with Austin's Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office in mid-January.

"By government standards, this deal is actually going pretty fast," said Brian Gildea, who is in charge of economic development for the office. "[The deal] is a good thing for Austin. It will create local jobs and

showed a positive gain when run through our Economic Development Analysis. [Facebook] is also a growing business, one which hopefully will have a future in Austin."

Facebook representatives were present at a career and internship fair run by the College of Liberal Arts Career Services on Feb. 24. Students who attended the fair could apply for full-time online operations analyst positions. Talk of Facebook's impending development in Austin helped the event's attendance, said Robert Vega, employer relations coordinator for Liberal Arts Career Services.

"Speculation about Facebook building offices here definitely generated some interest," Vega said.

"Facebook is a good fit for Austin. It's an emerging industry ..."

— Lee Leffingwell  
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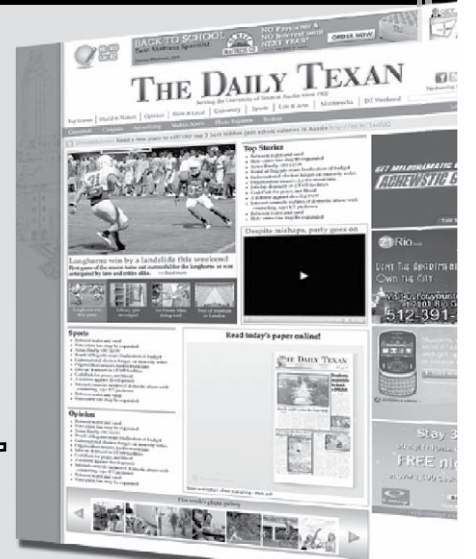


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# LAUNCHES SOON!



The Austin City Council plans to discuss the construction of a new Animal Services Center during a meeting set for March 11.



Sara Young  
Daily Texan Staff

# Animal facility placed on agenda

Construction of second shelter to ease overflow garners citizen support

By Layne Lynch  
Daily Texan Staff

After the indefinite postponement of an agenda item regarding the construction of the city's new Animal Services Center, the City Council has included the item in the March 11 meeting agenda.

Austin voters approved the \$12 million construction of an animal services center in November 2006 due to overcrowding in the Town Lake Animal Center. According to the construction contract, the new facility will continue current open-intake procedures, taking in any animals regardless of their age, health or behavior. It will also have a rabies quarantine, animal sheltering, a veterinary clinic, more interior and exterior gathering spaces for volunteers and animals, and a dog and cat hab-

itat facility. The center will also house a number of environmental features, including solar panels, solar hot water heating and recycled bricks.

The council removed the construction of the new animal center item from the agenda Jan. 28, indefinitely postponing the construction of the facility.

The plan called for an additional facility of the Town Lake Animal Center, the largest animal center in Central Texas. The building is located in the downtown area of East Austin, just off Levander Loop at the Betty Dunkerley Campus of the Health and Human Services Department.

According to its Web site, the Town Lake Animal Center houses an estimated 23,000 animals each year. With the growing number of stray dogs and cats in Austin, the facility is continually overcrowded with animal intakes.

The fact that the current center is an open-intake facility does not guarantee that an animal will not

be euthanized. Due to the growing number of animals received, if an animal is not adopted in a timely manner or has health or behavior concerns, he or she may be euthanized, according to the center's Web site.

The Austin Humane Society called for citizens to contact the mayor and City Council to urge them to put the item back on the agenda before March 25. If the council does not put the item back on the agenda before April 9, the construction bids will expire, forcing the approval process to be restarted. The public health and human services subcommittee did not return calls to The Daily Texan by press time.

Lisa Starr of the Austin Humane Society said citizen support for the animal center allowed the item to be inserted in the March 11 meeting agenda.

The project for the proposed construction is registered under the U.S. Green Building Council for LEED certification. Accord-

ing to the LEED Web site, LEED certification is given to buildings that achieve "design, construction and operation of performance green buildings."

Members of the council will vote on a construction contract in the amount of \$12,085,000 at the March 11 meeting. According to the agenda, the approval of the contract allows 430 calendar days for the completion of the project.

# Governor grants post-death pardon

By Betsy Blaney  
The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Gov. Rick Perry pardoned a man Monday who died in prison after serving more than 13 years for a wrongful rape conviction.

Perry granted the state's first posthumous pardon to Tim Cole in Austin after receiving a recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Cole was convicted of the 1985 rape of a Texas Tech University student in Lubbock. The Army veteran was cleared by DNA evidence in 2008, nine years after he died in prison at age 39 of complications from asthma.

"I am so happy," Cole's mother, Ruby Session, said from her Burleson home. "I just know that Tim is up there smiling."

Perry called Session personally Monday after signing her son's pardon.

"We have a rainy, rainy day," Session said she told Perry. "And I said, 'Those are his tears of joy.'"

In a statement, Perry said he had been looking forward to the day he could call Session and tell her he'd pardoned her son.

"The state of Texas cannot give back the time he spent in prison away from his loved ones, but today, I was finally able to tell her we have cleared his name and hope this brings a measure of peace to his family," Perry said.

The family had sought a pardon from Perry, who was sympathetic but maintained that he could not legally grant a posthumous pardon. The state attorney general clarified the law in January, clearing the way for Monday's pardon.

While Cole's family was happy to receive the news from Perry, there was also sorrow.

"We do feel very sad that he's not here," said Cory Session, Cole's youngest brother. "We knew somehow, some way it was going to happen that his name would be cleared. We just didn't know that it would come with the tragedy of his death. We didn't know it would take this long."

Cole is also the first Texas man to be posthumously cleared by DNA testing. The 2008 test cleared Cole and implicated convicted rapist Jerry Wayne Johnson, who confessed in several letters to court officials that date back to 1995.

Johnson cannot be prosecuted for the rape that sent Cole to prison because the statute of limitations has expired.

Last year, state District Judge Charles Baird pronounced Cole innocent during an exoneration hearing. Baird said mistaken witness identification, questionable suspect lineups and a faulty police investigation led to Cole's wrongful conviction.

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BASEBALL

Texas Pan-Am at  
No. 3 Texas

Longhorns' Milner gets first chance on mound

By Chris Tavarez  
Daily Texan Staff  
Texas-Pan American's batters won't be the only ones seeing Hoby Milner for the first time. The freshman will be making his first collegiate start against the Broncs at UFCU Disch-Falk Field tonight.

Milner has high expectations to meet, especially following the performance of his teammates against Stanford this past weekend. The Cardinal entered the series batting .336, but the Texas pitching staff was able to hold them to just .189 with 28 strikeouts.

Cole Green, last week's mid-week starter, won't be taking the mound because of his extended relief appearance on Sunday, when he got his second win of the season with five perfect innings.

Milner, along with the rest of the Longhorn rotation and defense, will certainly have his hands full. UT-Pan American can flat out hit and produce runs.

UT-Pan American enters this game averaging over 12 runs a game — a ridiculous statistic. Compare that with Texas' average of 8.6, which is a lot for any ball club, especially considering that both LSU and Texas, the two top teams in college baseball last year, averaged less than eight runs per game.

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TODAY: Texas Pan-American (4-0) at No. 3 Texas (4-2)

WHERE: UFCU Disch-Falk Field

WHEN: 6 p.m.

ON AIR: 1300 AM

CURLING

Curling takes Austin by storm



Rachel Taylor | Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Curling Club hosted a free event Sunday to teach people from Central Texas how to curl. More than 400 people attended the clinic at the Chaparral Ice Center in which beginner curlers learned the basics of the sport.

By Jim Pagels  
Daily Texan Staff

We've all seen it on our televisions over the past two weeks, entangled in the myriad of NBC-sponsored channels and Bob Costas fireside chats. The Winter Olympics once again thrust into the national spotlight one of the world's most interesting and misunderstood sports: curling.

Most Americans know very little about the sport. In their minds, it seems to only exist every four years, and mostly just in Canada.

Don't tell that to members of Austin's Lone Star Curling Club.

The club put on a "Learn to

Curl" session Sunday morning at the Chaparral Ice center. After learning about the event, I eagerly went out to the rink to finally try out the sport I had spent so many hours watching. The club will hold another free session Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

According to club member Janet Hunter, the staff only expected about 60 people at the event Sunday morning.

They clearly underestimated the recent explosion in interest.

Somewhere between 300 and 400 curious people shuffled into the ice center, and by the time the event started at 9:30 a.m., the line was well out the door. Some even drove

several hours to attend.

"I came all the way here from San Antonio," said Henry Loesner, another curling enthusiast who has been avidly following the sport for the past two weeks. "I really hope a club can get started up closer to my home, though."

Austin resident Catherine Hart shared Loesner's interest.

"I've lived right down the street for years and never heard of this before," Hart said. "I never knew they had this going on at the skating rink."

Curling is perhaps best described as "shuffleboard on ice." On a surface 146 feet in length, a thrower releases a

42-pound stone toward the target while his or her teammates — known as "sweepers" — follow the rock down the ice and furiously clear a path with brooms. After eight stones from each team are thrown, the team with the rock closest to the target scores points.

Because the Austin club plays its games on a public skating rink, setting up the ice takes time. Rubber "hacks" — what the curler pushes off to throw a stone — have to be frozen into the curling sheet, and the process of "pebbling" requires spraying small droplets of

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 25 Texas 87, Oklahoma 76

Seniors shine in last home game in win over Sooners

Texas freshmen Brown and Hamilton combine for 27 points in big win

By Will Anderson  
Daily Texan Staff

In his last home game as a Longhorn, forward Damion James orchestrated a second-half comeback that enabled Texas to beat Oklahoma 87-76 on Monday, despite trailing for the majority of the game.

The senior from Nacogdoches amassed 24 points, his highest total in almost a month.

Dexter Pittman and Gary Johnson added 14 points each for the Longhorns. Pittman reached double digits in scoring for just the second time since Jan. 30 while Johnson, who added eight rebounds, had his most complete game in over two weeks.

In all five Texas players scored at least 12 points, including freshman Jordan Hamilton, who regis-



Chris Kosho | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Damion James fights for a rebound over a Sooner defender in the Longhorns 87-67 win. James scored 24 points in the victory.

tered his first ever double-double.

Hamilton and Johnson combined for five straight baskets during a crucial second-half stretch that gave Texas its first lead. Texas trailed by as many as 13 early on but used a number of such scoring runs to catch and finally nip

the Sooners.

"They were the tougher team down the stretch," said Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel. "I thought we played well for 31 minutes. Then their older guys stepped up."

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James, Pittman propel Longhorns to comeback win against Oklahoma

By Laken Litman  
Daily Texan Staff

The fans at the Frank Erwin Center who came to watch Texas play Oklahoma on Senior Night made more noise for Colt McCoy when he was presented with the AT&T All-American Player of the Year trophy in the middle of the first half than they did when the Longhorns' three seniors were honored before tip off.

Texas seniors Dexter Pittman, Justin Mason and Damion James were acknowledged for their successful college careers in front of about a three-quarters full arena before the game.

Though the student sections

had each senior's face blown up to monstrous proportions dancing behind the baskets, there was no volcanic eruption when each player came out to mid-court to be acknowledged.

Even if the Longhorns' season hasn't gone according to coach Rick Barnes' plan, there were still expectations for the seniors to go out with a bang in their last home game. And despite Texas having another typical slow start, the seniors ended up making the most of their final home game by bringing the Longhorns back from a 13-point deficit to an 87-76 win.

There were about 10 minutes left in the game when James and Pittman flipped a switch — alley-oop style.

James stole the ball from Oklahoma guard Tommy Mason-

Griffin at mid-court, and once he gained control, James chucked it inside the paint to Pittman.

"It's winning time. Me being a senior, I gotta put forth that extra effort and lead by example," James said. "I saw Dexter [the basket], him and [Oklahoma forward Tiny] Gallon, and I had a good feeling Dexter could probably jump. I threw the ball, and he was able to dunk it. My teammates gave me a hard time about it, but I told them I can pass, too."

The alley-oop sparked life into the crowd and became the catalyst for the up-tempo style Texas played with for the remainder of the game.

"I had a feeling [a change] was about to happen," James said. "I

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MEN'S TENNIS

SMU at No. 4 Texas

SMU begins difficult March slate for Horns

By Rishi Daulat  
Daily Texan Staff

There's only one match to go before the telling weekend.

Texas may be looking forward to its anticipated matchups at No. 21 Duke and No. 1 Virginia on Friday and Sunday, but there's still one bout remaining: a trap match against No. 73 SMU at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center on Tuesday.

Texas assistant coach Ricardo Rubio believes that this whole month of matches is going to be crucial for the Longhorns.

"We play SMU home and away every year, and they are an old Southwest Conference foe, so they always play us tough," Rubio said. "This whole month of March is so tough. We have away matches at Duke and Virginia and home matches against Michigan and Florida State, but for now, I don't see us looking ahead. Right now, [we] are focused only on SMU."

Texas (11-1) has been dominant against the lower-ranked

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Scott Squires | Daily Texan file photo

Daniel Whitehead serves in a doubles match for the Longhorns. Texas will host former Southwest Conference rival SMU today.

SIDELINE

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Longhorn football holds first open practice of the spring

The Texas football team will host its first open practice of the spring today at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. Admission is free for the event, which starts at 3:30 p.m.

The Longhorns will take the field in front of their fans for the first time since losing to Alabama in the BCS National Championship in Pasadena, Calif.

Fans will have their first opportunity to see defensive back A.J. White and quarterbacks Connor Wood and Case McCoy in Longhorn uniforms.

Head coach Mack Brown will be missing from today's open practice as he is mourning the loss of his mother Katherine Brown passed away Sunday of pancreatic cancer in Cookeville, Tenn.

The Longhorns will hold another practice on March 8, in addition to the annual Spring Jam-boree, which is scheduled for April 4.

— Dan Hurwitz

Thumb surgery forces Shaq to miss rest of regular season

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cleveland Cavaliers center Shaquille O'Neal had surgery on his injured right thumb Monday and seems likely to miss the rest of the regular season.

If he gets back in time for the playoffs, though, O'Neal is promising to make up for his time out.

O'Neal will miss about eight weeks, the team said. He was examined Sunday by specialist Dr. Thomas Graham at the National Hand Center in Baltimore, who performed the surgery Monday morning.

"He feels like he let us down, but we understand injuries happen in the game," said teammate Jamario Moon, who got a text from the star center along with the other Cavs. "I think he's really down about being out ... He let us know it's time to continue playing basketball and he's going to be all right."

The recovery timeline means O'Neal, who turns 38 on Saturday, may not be ready for the start of the playoffs April 17. The Cavaliers acquired him last summer with an eye toward the post-season, after Dwight Howard and Orlando eliminated them in the Eastern Conference finals.

"Will be out for a min [sic] but when I return it is on," O'Neal posted on his Twitter account Monday morning. "Win da ring for da king! Luv my team, Cavs baby!"

— The Associated Press



INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

# Tottenham forward scores twice against Bolton

**By Rishi Daulat**  
Daily Texan Staff

With a coach that didn't like him and basically no playing time with the Tottenham first team, soccer fans around the world, as well as his teammates, were starting to feel sorry for Roman Pavlyuchenko. The Russian desperately wanted to go to a club where he could play first-team soccer, and no one could blame him for wanting to leave the London club.

He was set to switch teams during the January transfer window, but at the last minute, Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp decided he didn't want to let the striker leave. Redknapp didn't increase Pavlyuchenko's playing time directly after deciding to keep him, so the move didn't seem to make much sense.

Last weekend however, after seeing his team's offense stall against Wigan, Redknapp finally gave Pavlyuchenko a chance. He substituted the Russian striker in for prolific goal-scorer Jermain Defoe in the 72nd minute. To say Pavlyuchenko took full advantage of the rare opportunity is an

understatement — he scored twice in the final 18 minutes.

After Pavlyuchenko confirmed what many fans and pundits believed all along — that he was an incredible striker and would score goals — Redknapp had no choice but to start the Russian in the team's next match against Bolton.

In Tottenham's midweek clash with the Wolverhampton Wanderers, Pavlyuchenko set White Hat Lane ablaze with two brilliant goals, again making Spurs fans wonder about Redknapp's decision to keep the striker on the bench for nearly three-quarters of the season. This weekend was more of the same for Pavlyuchenko as he scored the opener in their huge 2-1 victory against Everton.

Despite not admitting he was wrong to never give Pavlyuchenko significant playing time, Redknapp now claims he is happy to see the Russian play well.

"He took his goals well. He is a quality finisher, and he has proven that again," the Tottenham manager told the Press Association. "Last week, he was excellent in training, he was the best player in everything we did, he looked like he wanted to play. Nobody wants to see him do well more than me; it makes my job a lot easier. He is a very nice lad, but he is laid back and some days he needs a rocket. He's playing like he's had a rocket."

It's been five goals in a week's time for the opportunistic striker, and if he keeps his current form, Tottenham may earn the last of the Big Four spots in the Premier

League. The Spurs barely lead the quartet of teams fighting for the fourth spot; Manchester City is tied with them on points at 49, Liverpool is one point back and Aston Villa is four points back with two games in hand.

At the top of the table, Chelsea continues to falter after being destroyed at home by Manchester City 4-2 after some questionable goalkeeping from Henrique Hilario, who is filling in for the injured Petr Cech. Manchester United are the Carling Cup Champions after their 2-1 win over Aston Villa at Wembley Stadium and now sit only one point behind the Blues. Arsenal have been the most solid of the top three recently, even though they lost to United and Chelsea not even a month ago.



Sean Dempsey | Associated Press  
Tottenham Hotspur's Roman Pavlyuchenko, left, and Everton's Phil Neville battle for the ball in Sunday's 2-1 Tottenham win.

## WIN: Horns' 'older guys' take control in final half

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Tony Crocker led Oklahoma with 24 points on 8-of-13 shooting. Cade Davis added 22 points and six treys as the Sooners went 10-of-24 from beyond the arc, although they managed just three in the second half.

"They wanted it more," Davis said. "We kind of ran out of steam."

Texas came out of the break down by just two but missed its first five shots of the second half while the Sooners scored 11 unanswered points to go up 51-38.

"We bogged down a little bit," Barnes said.

The Longhorns climbed back into contention with the scoring of Johnson and Hamilton. Then, after capturing an offensive rebound that careened wildly off the rim, James set up Pittman on an alley-oop dunk that tied the game, brought the burnt orange crowd to its feet and drew a timeout from Capel with 9:54 to play.

Seconds later J'Covan Brown made a jumper to give Texas a 58-56 lead, its first of the game. The freshman scored just three points in the first half but turned it up in the second to finish with 15.

The Longhorns never trailed for the rest of the contest and outscored the Sooners by nine in the final eight minutes to pull away.

"It was our inability to defend and get some stops," Capel said.

The win ensured Texas won't finish worse than 9-7 in conference play. The Longhorns face Baylor in their final regular season contest this Saturday in Waco.

"We are what we are," Barnes said. "These guys have never quit on each other. They've struggled, but they've never, ever quit on each other."

## JAMES: Senior looks to make March better

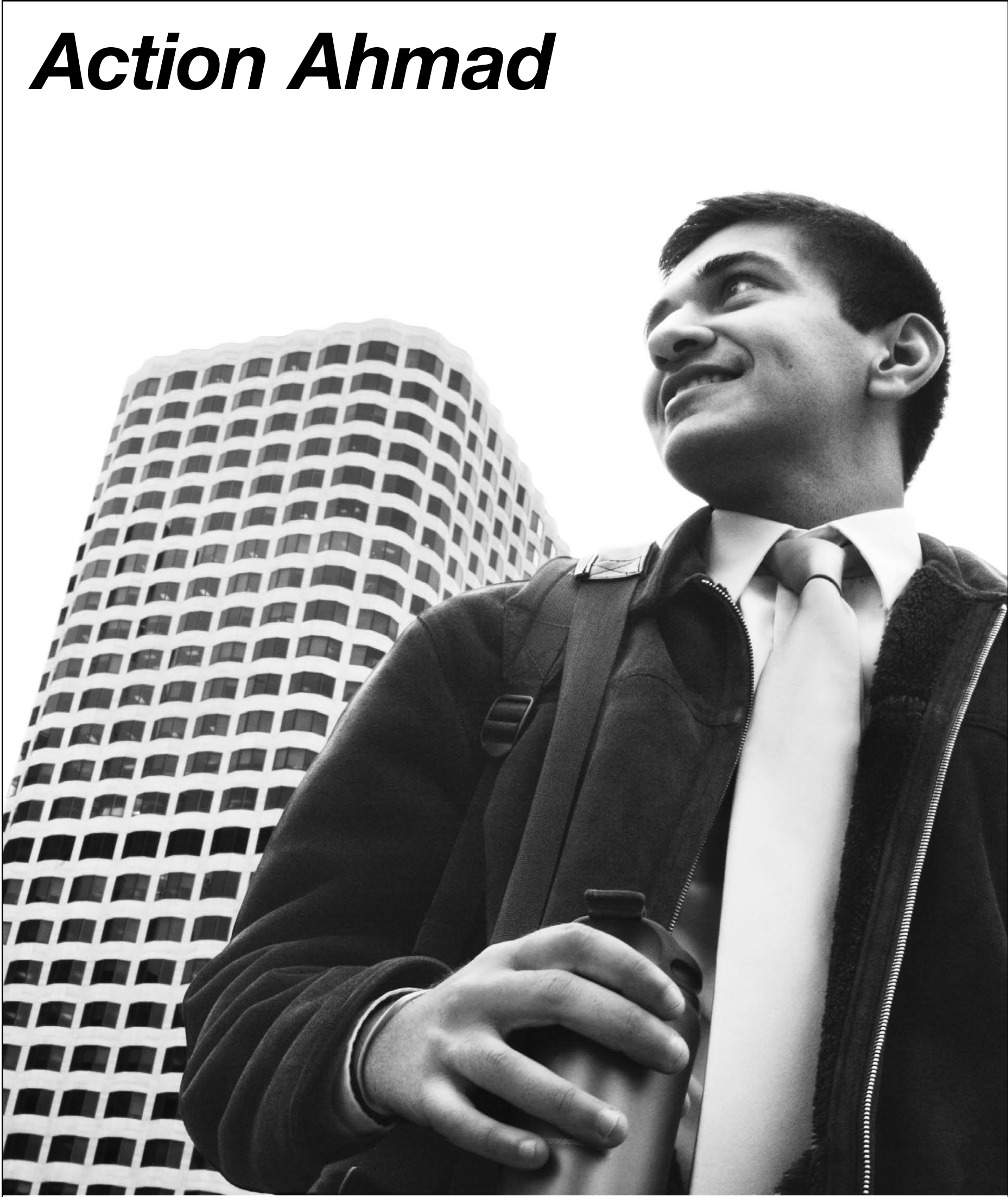
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just had a feeling."

James ended up finishing the game with 24 points, going 8-of-14 from the field and 8-of-12 from the free throw line. He also nabbed eight rebounds.

Pittman also had a solid performance in the end, as he garnered 14 points, going 5-of-8 in field goals and a perfect 4-for-4 in free throws. Mason didn't have as great a game statistically as his classmates, but his hustle and effort were omnipresent.

"It's a new month. The past is in the past, and we're moving forward," James said. "It always feels good to win on Senior Night — or any other night — because at the end of the day, that's all that matters. It feels good for my last game at the Frank Erwin to be a win. And my team played great, so that's all that matters to me."



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**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

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CHAI TEA Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Riversea



Chris Koshoff | Daily Texan file photo

Russell Moldenhauer adjusts his batting gloves prior to an at-bat in a game against Stanford last weekend.

## BASEBALL: Upset-minded Broncos visit Longhorns

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The Broncos' crazy run average, aided in part by a season-opening 23-17 win over UT-Brownsville, helped them ride to a four-game sweep of the Al Oglethorpe Classic to open the season.

Texas will also look to keep its hot bats going in this midweek game. This past weekend, the Longhorns had a home run in every game of the series against Stanford. Most notable among those were potential slump-busters from Kevin Keyes, who had a grand

slam on Friday, and Russell Moldenhauer, who, after four homers in the College World Series last year, got his first home run of the season on Sunday.

"Everybody's seeing the ball well and frustrating the pitchers," Moldenhauer said.

"I would say we've hit the ball pretty well all year," said Tant Shepherd, who also had his first home run of the season against Stanford. "I know everyone's really comfortable at the plate. They're seeing the ball, we're hitting it hard."

## TENNIS: Texas hopes to avoid its second loss of the season

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teams recently, but earlier this season, the Longhorns picked up huge wins over No. 5 USC, No. 14 Stanford, No. 17 Texas A&M and No. 24 Rice. The team's sole loss came in the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Championships to No. 2 Tennessee.

ITA No. 4 Ed Corrie and ITA No. 13 Dimitar Kutrovsky lead the way for the Longhorns in the singles lineup while ITA No. 54 Josh Zavala, the senior from Amarillo, has been great for Texas, playing mostly at the fifth spot. Daniel Whitehead has a few big wins on the season, which propelled him to No. 69 on the ITA list, and Kellen Damico, who is an aspiring country singer as well as a top tennis player, checks in at No. 79. Jean Andersen, a transfer student from South Africa, has been solid with a 9-2 record this season at fourth singles.

Kutrovsky and Zavala make up the No. 8 doubles team in the country, and freshmen Whitehead and Alex Hilliard have gone from unranked to No. 27. Corrie and Damico have hit their stride recently at the second doubles spot — the duo is unbeaten in their last five games — and are now ranked

SMU is 6-4 for the season. ITA No. 14 Robin Fahgen is one of the top singles players in the country, and his potential clash with UT's Kutrovsky at the top singles spot should be the match of the day. The Mustangs are coming off a 6-1 loss at No. 12 Baylor.

**TODAY:** SMU (6-4) at No. 3 Texas (11-1)  
**WHERE:** Penick-Allison Tennis Center  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m.

## CURLING: Olympics' TV coverage increases interest among Texans

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water on the ice to cause irregularities on the surface, allowing the rocks to curl.

"We used to have to just draw circles [on the ice] in magic marker," said Darlene Barnes, one of the founding members.

Wearing shirts emblazoned with "I Got Stoned in Torino" and showing off their customized curling shoes or gloves, 20 experienced club members worked through wave after wave of attendees.

"I never thought I'd see this many people out at the curling rink," Huter said.

Founded in 2006 by a group of curling enthusiasts, the club started with only one set of rocks and capitalized on exposure from the 2006 Torino Olympics to rent out ice time each week.

Wayne Garman, one of the founding members, had previous experience in starting up leagues in places where curling is not very well known. After launching a club in Pittsburgh in the wake of the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, Garman, a native Canadian from Western Ontario, moved to Austin, where he is now president of the club.

"The Olympics have definitely helped cause a surge in popularity," he said. "I've been getting calls all week about where to take lessons or how to join our league."

Many of the other club members originated from Canada, as well. Kathy Younker curling up in Nova Scotia and said growing is certainly one of the most popular sports north of the border.

Others league members have come from right here in Austin.

"After the last Olympics, my daughter went online and found out there was a club nearby. I saw her try it, and I thought, 'I can definitely do this,'" said Bob Tucek, a Texas native who

has been with the club for three years.

While the curling rage is at an all-time high right now, attempts to get the sport off the ground in the U.S. have floundered in recent years.

Many of the members of the Lone Star Curling Club were confident



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BZZZZZZ BZZZZZZ

By: Katie C.

**INCOHERENT JARGON**

...HAHA YEAH, HE JUST SEEMS LIKE THAT TYPE OF GUY.... PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A BRO, HA...

HELLO?

Message received 1:23 am

Aw it hung up. I guess it was time though?

DAMMIT.

BY CLAUDINE LUCENA

**RAJ and BORIS (FIGHTING TERRORISTS WITH MAGIC)** [MICHAEL BOWMAN]

My God...

Dragons... all of them.

There's only one thing to do.

The terrorists are they...

Let's kick some DRAGON ASS!

THIRTY SECONDS LATER IN THE BELLY OF THE DRAGON.

Cap.

YEAHHH!!!

**Elysium**

How can I get more people to come eat in my restaurant?

How about adding more trendy food to the menu?

Keep up with the times you know.

Later...

Ok, so here's a whale steak with butter and green peas

Empty Greek gyros

5 donuts covered in maple syrup

And a Chile style shake

This wasn't what I meant...

It's good tho!

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**Adventures in emergency medicine: blunt trauma (2 of 5)** by gabe

Wait!

My sister bled to death in a wreck you caused..

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**Across**

1 This plus that

5 Breath freshener

9 In the style of: Suffix

14 First razor with a pivoting head

15 Child of invention?

16 Boast of

17 "Mark the transition from an old year to the new, maybe

19 Restaurant owner in an Arlo Guthrie song

20 Mercenary in the American Revolution

21 \_\_\_ Hawkins Day

23 "Enough already!"

24 Like a post-fender-bender fender

27 Common paper size: Abbr.

28 Concept in Confucianism

30 \_\_\_ extra cost

31 Burping in public, e.g.

34 Place for a hot pie to cool

35 Billboard

36 Roth \_\_\_

37 "Measure with strides

40 Follows

41 Backgammon pair

43 Pub projectile

44 An Astaire

46 Questions

47 Stat for Babe Ruth: Abbr.

48 Uno + due

49 "Come on!"

51 Neighbor of Macedonia and Montenegro

54 Get in touch with

56 Slob's opposite

58 Factory

60 "New neighbors event

62 Italian bowling game

63 " and the "Real Girl" (2007 film)

64 Irritate

65 Some are practical

66 Chichi

67 Interval on a scale

**Down**

1 "Brandenburg Concertos" composer

2 Oklahoma Indians

3 Object of Teddy Roosevelt's "busting"

4 Millennium Falcon pilot in "Star Wars"

5 Where trapeze artists meet

6 Runaway bride's response?

7 Partner of improved

8 What bronzers simulate

9 Circumvent

10 California's \_\_\_ Valley, known as "America's salad bowl"

11 "Period of contemplation

12 Dad's bro

13 Summer in Montréal

18 First-rate

22 Name widely avoided in Germany

25 Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

26 "Death Be Not Proud" poet

28 Wedding cake layers

29 Oodles and oodles

31 \_\_\_ basin

32 Pop up

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LOC	SINS	
PARABOLA	FIESTA	
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UKES	EAGLE	TWOD
RAFT	DROID	SSITS

Puzzle by Paula Gamache

33 "Reverse a position

34 Permanent reminder

38 Like single-purpose committees

39 Jill's portrayer on "Charlie's Angels"

42 Heart and soul

45 Ones who owe

48 Itty-bitty

50 Entrances to exclusive communities

51 "Hagar the Horrible" dog

52 Arctic native

53 Airplane seating request

55 "Hi, José!"

57 Hang on to ... or a word that can precede either half of the answer to each starred clue

58 Common sandwich for a brown-bagger

59 W.C.

61 3, 4 or 5, usually, for a golf hole

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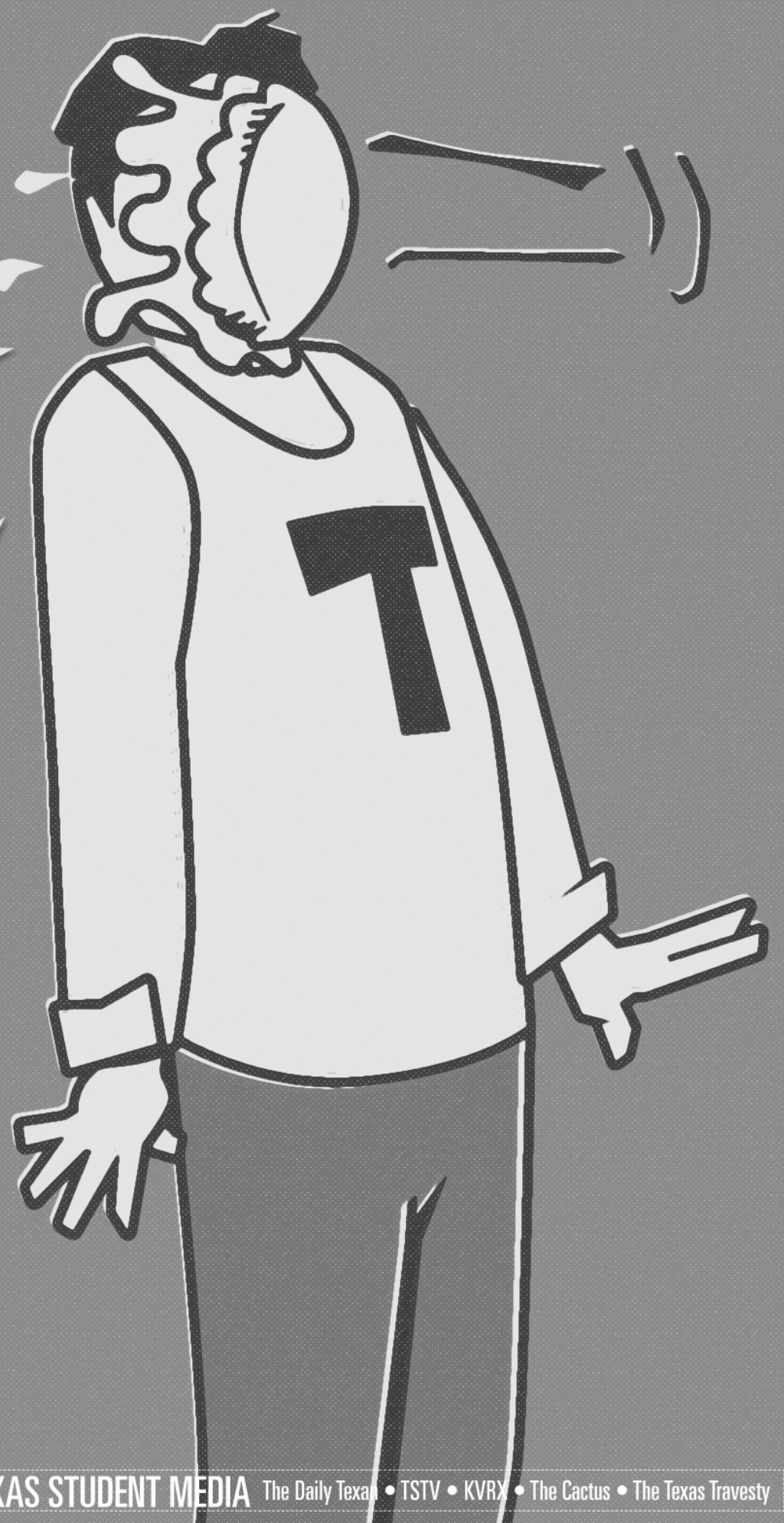
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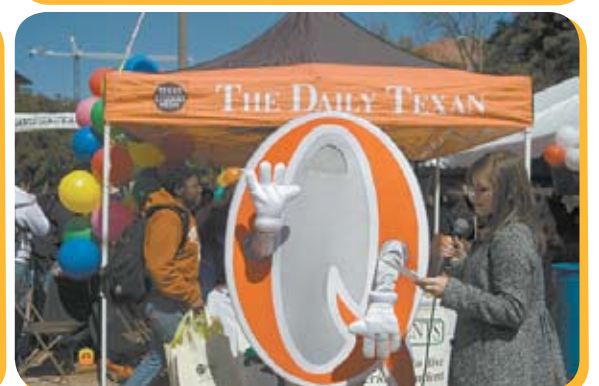
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# Cliches engulf disappointing film

By John Ross Harden  
Daily Texan Staff

What happens when a deadly, government-manufactured disease contaminates a small town's water supply?

I say predictability, but others could just call it "The Crazies."

Shot mainly in the small town of Lenox, Iowa, director Breck Eisner's attempt at recreating George A. Romero's 1973 horror-thriller-slasher flick, "The Crazies," has fallen miserably short of expectations.

Eisner, who also directed the 2005 fantasy-adventure film "Sahara," said that with this film, classic horror-filmmaker Romero gave him full license to make the movie with his own ideas and twists — unlike most remakes, which are recreated simply for financial game.

"I came on [to the production] and had my ideas for remaking the movie," Eisner said. "Romero basically said, 'Look, I've made this movie. I've already done it. Go do it your way.'"

Eisner called this moment a "blessing," but audiences may disagree. The movie opened Friday and faces its first week at the box offices this week.

Aligned with a reasonably talented cast spearheaded by Timothy Olyphant ("Live Free or Die Hard"), the film pits four people against a vast number of utterly incomprehensible problems: the rapid spreading of an uncontrollable disease, the blood-hun-

gry infected townspeople and the U.S. Army, which acts more like a foe than a friend. These problems, commonly used in the genre, allow the audience to pick apart and predict the course of nearly the entire film.

What made this film particularly ridiculous, aside from everything mentioned so far, was the overly exaggerated sense of nonstop excitement. Eisner's interpretation of how the infected should move and interact revolved around the idea that the disease should almost physically enhance the person, as opposed to Romero's infected, who would walk (not run) and were closer to the traditional idea of a zombie. However, Eisner doesn't think the differences from the original will be an issue for audiences.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people who come to see this movie haven't seen or heard of the original," Eisner said. "They don't need to. Any connection to the original is unnecessary to see the movie."

The 2010 version of "The Crazies" proves to be a movie to rent, at best. The plot is generic in terms of horror/zombie flicks, which leads to a very predictable film. The movie is acted out to the best of the actors' abilities — Joe Anderson ("Across the Universe"), does a great job as a supporting actor, but his performance isn't enough to save a perennial bust.

Grade: C-



Photo courtesy of "The Crazies"

"The Crazies" hit theaters Friday and failed to overcome the pitfalls of predictability. The film is a remake of a 1973 horror-thriller movie with the same name.

## FOOD: Restaurant cooks up simply average health food

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organic skim milk, yogurts, organic peanut butter and strawberry jam in.

The restaurant's philosophy is about saying no to frozen, artificial, processed, unbalanced and canned foods. Ortiz said they want to take the food back to its basics and create meals in the simplest form. They don't use any white sugar, white flour or sweeteners and avoid excess seasonings and salt.

"People should get used to eating food the way it is meant to be cooked," Sanchez said, adding that what your body is getting is real, clean fuel.

He said the restaurant tries to incorporate local products as much as possible but is unable to do so 100 percent of the time because it is a growing business and has yet to develop buying power. However, he said the company does alter its menu to reflect the season's crop.

"We found food that was really appetizing and worked backwards to creating [it]," Sanchez said. "We didn't try to make things [up off] the top of our heads. We went straight for comfort food."

For their Camp Gladiator Power pancakes, which are made up of organic whole-wheat flour, bananas, walnuts, protein powder and organic flax seed, agave nectar is incorporated in the pancake mix to sweeten the taste and to act as a substitute for syrup.

The pancakes, after being heat-

ed in the microwave for about a minute and a half, were soft and did not have an elastic texture. And the sweetness of the bananas and the nectar made you forget it was a healthy option.

Their spaghetti and meatballs recreate the classic dish with organic whole-wheat pasta and homemade sauce. For the meatballs, they used lean, free-range, grass-fed, locally sourced bison meat. Sanchez said bison meat is a healthy choice for protein because the meat is lean with little fat. And as for their pasta sauce, Sanchez said they make tomato sauce from scratch using local, farm vegetables instead of canned products.

While traditional spaghetti and meatballs is flavorful with a hint of oregano and garlic, the restaurant's version lacked taste. The pasta was cooked perfectly, and the sauce was decent without having any excess salt added, but the downfall of the dish was the extremely dry and bland meatballs.

Even though Simply Fit Meals' food does not taste like cardboard, which is often the expectation of health foods, it definitely did not live up to the restaurant's hype.

Simply Fit Meals also offers a getting fit program. For \$500, customers get breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus 42 snacks, for three weeks. The program also includes three consultations with a registered dietitian and a three-week membership to Camp Gladiator, a boot camp.

## TV: Innovative ideas could save sport

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**5** Create a team of strangers collected from a flight from Sydney, Australia, to Los Angeles, and give them clothes from various decades. Have them always show up in outfits from different eras, and then, before the game is concluded, flash a blinding purple light throughout the arena and allow the team to escape secret-

ly through a trap door. If the crowd gets upset or asks what happened, inform them that the team is jumping through time.

**6** Give each team a theme song chosen from current modern rock hits, create a video to go along with it and allow the players to enter the arena in a shower of sparks and pyrotechnics. From time to time, throw in

"gimmick" matchups in which teams compete inside a steel cage or on top of scaffolding.

**7** Allow the United States team to show up to each match with one additional team member. Change the official motto of the team to "17 players and counting," adding a number each time.

Now, who's ready to watch curling?

## TOMS: Shoe-giver speaks about his unique path

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someone who wants to make a positive change in the area of critical human needs," Krueger said.

Krueger said Mycoskie's socially conscious business and story is in line with the series' theme of "My Values, My Philanthropy."

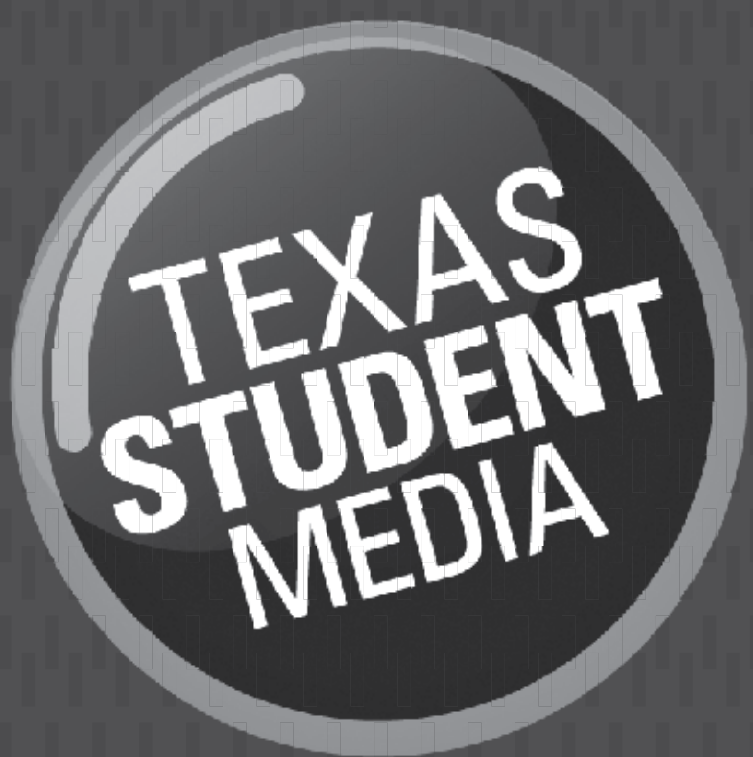
"[The series and the founda-

tion] is used as a public forum to discuss how personal values shape philanthropy," Krueger said. "[The shaping] can happen in a variety of ways. It all depends on personal experience, and with Blake, he just met some kids who needed shoes."

Mycoskie said he hopes that by sharing his story, he will motivate students to create their own

businesses based on their own interests.

"I hope to inspire those in the room to go out and create their own business, based on their lives and passions," he said. "Also, show that it is possible to go your own way, achieve success without sacrificing your dreams and to make a difference in the world — all at the same time."



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# Entrepreneur has step-by-step plan to save the world

By Victoria Heckenlaible  
Daily Texan Staff

If you go to UT, you are probably familiar with the canvas-material Argentine-style shoes called TOMS. You may even own a pair or two, whether it's because they are trendy, comfortable or because they help children — for every pair purchased, a pair is given to a child in need.

Today, Blake Mycoskie, the founder and chief shoe-giver of TOMS, will be speaking at the AT&T Executive Education & Conference Center as part of the Frances Moody Newman Distinguished Lecture Series.

"Not only is [Mycoskie] an entrepreneur, but a philanthropist," said Sarah Krueger, a marketing specialist for the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service. "[Mycoskie] is really young and tells such a different story."

Mycoskie started as a traveler in Argentina, where he befriended children who had no shoes to protect their feet. This inspired him to found TOMS.

**WHAT:** Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS shoes  
**WHERE:** AT&T Executive Education & Conference Center Ballroom  
**WHEN:** Today at 6:30 p.m.  
**COST:** None. RSVP at <http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/rgk/events/tomsshoes.php>

"With TOMS, I saw children who needed shoes and found a way to provide for them," Mycoskie said. "They don't have any possessions or running water, yet they're so happy."

Through its customers, whom the company refers to as giving partners, TOMS has provided over 400,000 pairs of shoes to children in need.

Krueger said she hopes Mycoskie's combination of philanthropy and entrepreneurship will inspire students to think creatively and to make a difference.

"[A social entrepreneur] is

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Patrick Ortiz from Simply Fit Meals on Nueces Street prepares 400 pancakes for an event the restaurant catered. The establishment offers nutritious foods for students on the go.

# Restaurant sells nutrition to go

By Julie Rene Tran  
Daily Texan Staff

In a space barely bigger than a college dorm room sits two small, round tables, a wall of refrigerators and a small, black microwave in the corner. As an all-natural, organic-food restaurant, one would think Simply Fit Meals would be against instant cooking, but pre-packaged food and eating on-the-go is what the new restaurant is all about.

Simply Fit Meals, located on Nueces and 24th streets, offers pre-packaged breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack options made from scratch with fresh produce. The meals are marketed toward active, health-conscious Austin residents.

Meals are offered in "5K" and "10K" sizes, which are based on

calorie content. The microwaveable meals remain fresh for up to five days.

The idea of Simply Fit Meals was born when college buddies Chris Sanchez and Patrick Ortiz combined all of their passions — food, health, fitness and traveling.

Sanchez started out as a personal trainer and later worked in the marketing department of Whole Foods Market. It wasn't until he became a consultant for a business similar to Simply Fit Meals that Sanchez decided he wanted to revitalize health food companies. At that job, however, he could only give advice and had little control over the company's actions. He said the company would claim their food was fresh when it was actually frozen.

Ortiz, who has a background in food and beverage management, began working with casinos in Louisiana and Las Vegas after college, overseeing food production. Ultimately, he wanted to be in the kitchen.

So, Sanchez combined his business ideas with Ortiz's food background and created Simply Fit Meals.

Ortiz said cooking for Simply Fit Meals has increased his appreciation for details. Making the food has taken a lot of discipline and refinery, he said. He has to take raw ingredients and make meals that taste good, without depending on artificial flavorings and preservatives for quick results.

Since West Campus's retail space is extremely expensive, Sanchez said it was not a smart

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# Off-beat tactics could keep curling on camera

TV TUESDAY  
By Robert Rich

Television conventions might spice up Olympic event lacking in vigor

I didn't watch much of the Olympics, mainly because I prefer the summer games but also because NBC's decision to begin their broadcast with 15 minutes of Bob Costas flying in a plane is beyond excruciating. But

if there's one thing I've learned from the bits and pieces of the games that I have watched, it's that curling is awesome. The drama, the pageantry — it's all fantastic. But, rumor has it that the game may be nixed from the Olympics very soon. This cannot happen, and that's why I've taken it upon myself to offer some tips for NBC to keep things interesting by borrowing from other popular series.

**1** Introduce judges, and include at least one British man. Every time a player misses a stone or fails

to knock the other team's stones out of the house, the judges can let him have it. "That was awful. That was a wedding curler performance. I was so bored that I wanted to go watch old episodes of 'Ally McBeal.'"

**2** Put a crazed United States counterterrorist agent on each team. As each team prepares for its turn, have the agent switch from dramatic whispering to insane yelling. "Is that where you wanna throw the stone!? TELL ME!" If the team fails to make a decision quickly enough, have the agent begin systematically tor-

turing the other team members until a consensus is reached.

**3** Create a team of "guidos." Ensure that the team always shows up drunkenly late and leaves with the trashiest members of the crowd, who they will call the next day on their duck phone.

**4** Create hype for each game by circulating rumors that members of each team took to the sky in a hot air balloon. Then, show photos of an empty one.

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Sweden's Niklas Edin yells during the men's bronze medal curling match against Switzerland at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

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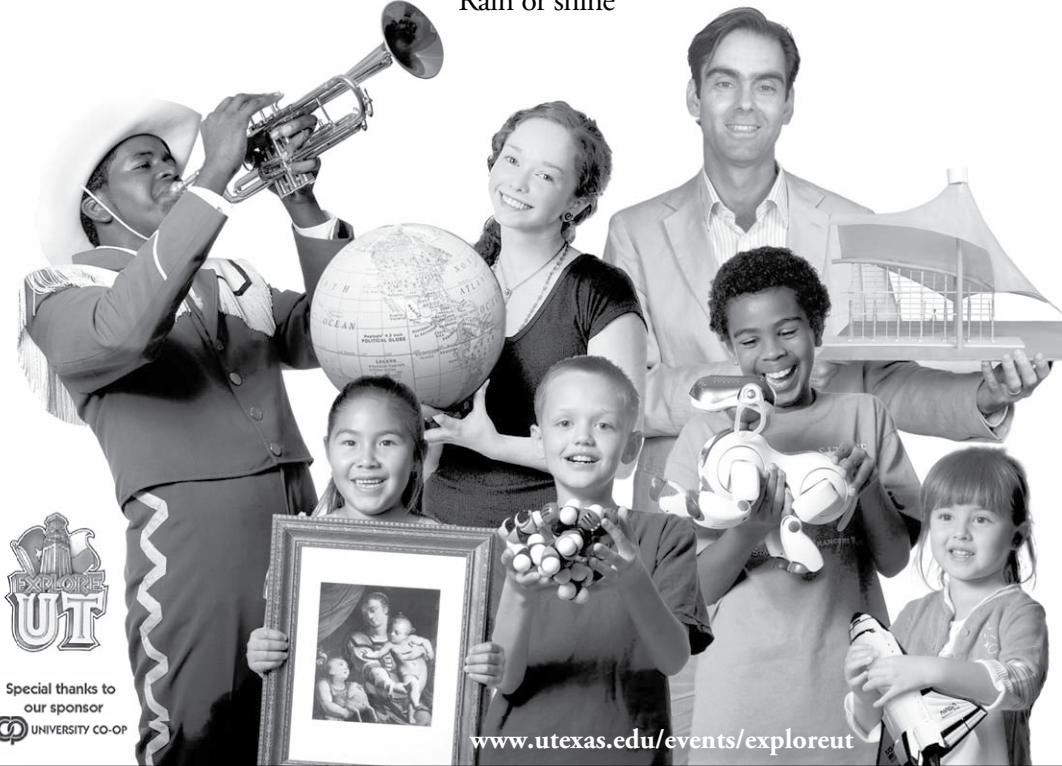
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